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DEATH OF JAMES H. ALEXANDER.

James H. Alexander was born in Will county, Ill., in the year 1846. He died at Lockport, Ill., December 13, 1912.

Mr. Alexander was a native Illinoisan and was much interested in all that pertained to the welfare of his native State. His father, James L. Alexander, came to Illinois from the state of New York in 1837, and helped to construct the Illinois and Michigan canal. He purchased a farm in DuPage township, Will county, Ill., in 1841. In 1861 he moved to the farm near Lockport.

The father died in 1876 and since that time the farm has been operated by James H. Alexander, who felt a great affection for the ancestral acres and improved them in every way.

Mr. Alexander highly prized the historical associations and traditions of his State and locality and did all in his power to preserve historical landmarks. He was a member of the Illinois State Historical Society and most loyally aided the society in all its undertakings.

Mr. Alexander was an educated man. His father being in good circumstances, gave his children unusual opportunities for the day in which he lived. James H. Alexander was educated in the public schools and attended Beloit college, but it was after his school days were over that his most serious studies began. He was a successful farmer and he appreciated the advantages to be derived from the study of the science of agriculture and its practical application.

He was not a politician, but often held the office of school director or school trustee. He was elected to the lower house of the Forty-seventh General Assembly of the State and re-elected to the Forty-eighth General Assembly, but died before he had taken his seat. He was as a legislator, as in all other relations in life, industrious, conscientious and faithful to his duties.